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Sir:

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING STATE INFORMATION ON For: **CLIENT**

ASSIGNEE NAME: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION

ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: ARMONK, NEW YORK

Enclosed are also:

Pages of Specification including an Abstract 18 <u>X</u>

<u>X</u> 4 Pages of Claims

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